Review of the laws relating to violence against women

923. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:
SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposal from the National Commission of Women for the establishment of special courts to try crimes against women;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) what is the present number of cases relating to the crimes against women pending in the country (State-wise) and what steps Government have taken for speedy disposal of such cases within a time limit; and

(d) whether Government have reviewed the existing laws relating to violence against women and what steps Govenment propose to take to amend existing laws for protection of women against violence?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SYED SIBTEY RAZI): (a) and (b) No such proposal has been received from the National Commission of Women.

(c) and (d) The total number of cases relating to crimes against women is given in the Annexure. *[See Appendix 175, Annexure No.* 22]. No statistics are available regarding the cases of crime against women pending in the country. The Government of India have initiated a number of measures to check such crimes. The Dowry Prohibition Act (1961) was amended in 1984 and 1986 to make the law more stringent. The Indian Penal Code, the Criminal Procedure Code, 1973 and the Indian Evidence Act, 1872 have been amended to deal effectively not only with dowry death but also cruelty on married women. Instructions/guidelines have also been issued from time to time to the State Government/Union Territory Administrations to effectively enforce legislation relating to crimes against women.

Fresh financial bids for basic telephone services

924. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:
SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to invite fresh financial bids for 10 out of the 20 service areas in the, nation-wide basic telephone tenders;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard and the reasons for inviting fresh bids;

(c) what are the details of bids with the names of companies from whom bids were received in the first round and the reasons for non-acceptance of bids in each case;

(d) what are the details of areas/circles in respect of which fresh bids are proposed to be invited;

(e) what will be the position of companies which have already submitted their bids and incurred huge expenditure on the preparation of bids; and

(f) how the matters stand at present?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Yes Sir. Fresh Financial Bids are being invited in Thirteen Service Areas.

(b) Details of the Thirteen Service Areas are given in the statement. *(See* below).

Out of the Thirteen Service Areas, fresh Financial Bids are being invited in 8 Circles on account of the original bids not having been found acceptable. Other five Service Areas have been vacated by the HI bidder on account of the restriction of maximum of 3 Circles in category 'A' &

'B' which could be given to any single bidder. Counter offeis were given to other bidders in these five Service Areas to match the package of the HI bidder. None of the other bidders accepted this offer. Therefore, fresh Financial Bids are being invited in these Circles also.

(c) Details are given in the Annexure. *[See Appendix 175. Annexure No. 23]*

(d) Details are given in the *Statement. (See* below)

(e) Companies whose bids are found to be acceptable will be considered for grant of licence. As regards others, they are eligible to participate in bidding for the second round of Financial Bids.

(f) NIT for fresh Financial Bids has been issued on 1.12.95. Last date for submission of bids is 1.1.96 and bids will be opened on the same date.

Statement

Thirteen Service Areas in which fresh Financial Bids are being invited

SI.No.	Name of the Service	Area	Category
1.	Andaman & Nicobar	Islands	C
2.	Assam		C
3.	Bihar		C
4.	Himachal Pradesh		c
5.	Madhya Pradesh		B
6.	North East		C
7.	Tamil Nadu		A
8.	UP. East		B
9.	Andhra Pradesh		A
10.	Gujarat		A
11.	Kerala		B
12.	Punjab		B
13.	West Bengal		B

NOTE: In the case of service areas from SI. No. 1 to 8 fresh financial bids are being invited on account of the original bids not having been found acceptable. From SI. No. 9 to 13 are the service areas where the fresh financial bids are being invited on account of other bidders not accepting the HI package.

मोती खावरी वन क्षेत्र की वन्य प्राणी और अभयारण हेतु आरक्षित क्षेत्र के रूप में घोषणा

925. **श्री दिलीप सिंह जूदेव :** क्या पर्यावरण और वन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे:

(क) क्या सरकार मोती खावरी वन क्षेत्र को वन्य प्राणी और अभयारणय के लिए पूर्णतया आरक्षित क्षेत्र के रूप में घोषित करने का विचार रखती है,

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार ने अपेक्षित अधिसूचना जारी की है,

(ग) क्या सरकार ने इस क्षेत्र में किन्हीं औद्योगिक एककों को स्थापित करने का प्रतिबंध लगाया गया है,

(घ) यदि हां, तो क्या इस अधिसूचित क्षेत्र में खनन/दोहन की प्रक्रिया पर प्रतिबंध लगाया गया है, और

(ड.) यदि नहीं, तो उसके क्या कारण है ?

पर्यावरण औ वन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री राजेश पायलट): (क) से (ड.) सूचना राज्य सरकार से एकत्र की जा रही है तथा सदन के पटल पर रख दी जायेगी।

Increase in afforestation in the States

926. SHRI GOVINDRAM MIRI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the various measures taken in respect of afforestation have increased the forest cover in various States Particularly in the State of Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof, district-wise; and

(c) to what extent depletion of forests has been made good through afforestation, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) The Forest Survey of India is engaged in the assessment of forest cover in the country since 1987. The change in forest cover is reflected in the State of Forests Report brought out every two years. The State of Forest Report of 1987 and 1989 showed an annual loss of forest cover to the extent of 47,500 hectares. However, the State of Forest Report, 1991 showed a net annual increase of 28000 hectares. The State of Forests